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Honorable Olin E. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Teague:

I have reviewed with interest the letters from [redacted] STAT
STAT [redacted] College Station, Texas, which you forwarded with your letter of September 20, 1960. You may appreciate that many aspects of the matter are still in the classified field. In addition, even though the trial by the Soviets is over, Mr. Powers is still a prisoner in their hands. Hence, we must be careful in our comments that we do nothing to make his personal situation more difficult.

STAT The information [redacted] relates regarding continuation of salary payments to Mr. Francis G. Powers is correct. Arrangements have been made to handle Mr. Powers' salary for the future in accordance with his legal rights under his contract and the provisions of applicable statutes.

I would like to note that Mr. Powers was held over 100 days in solitary confinement without access to family, friends, his own legal advisors, or any United States Embassy representatives prior to his trial. Undoubtedly, the Soviets could have indoctrinated him during that period to say many things they desired to have come out at the trial. This they can accomplish effectively, even short of all of the techniques of "brainwashing."

The service performed by the men who participated in the U-2 program was extremely valuable for the security of this country. They were chosen on the basis of past training and other technical, mental, and ideological qualifications, together with a willingness to serve and full knowledge of the dangers inherent in the task.

While the foregoing may not answer fully the point [redacted] has STAT raised, I hope it will be helpful. At this time I do not feel that it would be in the interest of the prisoner, Mr. Powers, or of national security to say more.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosures: [redacted]

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